

Docket No: 0039-7692-2S



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE  
RECEIVED  
OCT 25 2001  
C 2800 MAIL ROOM

IN RE APPLICATION OF

AKIRA GODA ET AL : EXAMINER: TRINH, M

SERIAL NO.: 09/556,777 :

FILED: APRIL 25, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2822

FOR: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR  
MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2001, Applicants elect without traverse Group I (Claims 1-5 and 11-14) directed to a semiconductor device for examination on the merits in the present application. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

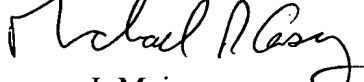
Respectfully submitted,



**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 11/98)

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Gregory J. Maier  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 25,599

**Michael R. Casey, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 40,294**

GJM/KMB/kmh